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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 12, 2005,  
please amend the above-identified patent application as  
indicated below.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.